

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 545
By Graves

A RESOLUTION to honor Kirk Walker Graves, 1998 Valedictorian
of Beech High School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Kirk Walker Graves is one such outstanding student who has distinguished himself as valedictorian of the 1998 graduating class at Beech High School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Kirk Walker has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, in his laudable high school career, Mr. Walker has earned an exceptional grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Kirk Walker's meritorious scholastic career has earned him numerous awards, even a brief list of which is inspiring: the National Junior Classical League Latin Honor Society, the National Honor Society, the National Beta Club, the Beech High School Academic Letter, the Student Council Award, *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, the Beech High School AP American History Award, the Beech High School Advanced Mathematics Award, the Beech High School Spanish II Award, the Beech High School AP English Award, the Coca-Cola Honors Award, the Principal's Leadership Award, the Tennessee Honors Program, the Rotary Club's Student of the Month and Mr. Beech High School; and

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WHEREAS, he has also been a nominee to the Tennessee State Board of Education and an alternate delegate to Tennessee Boys' State; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished athlete, Kirk Walker has earned several honors for his athletic achievements, including the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association's Student Athlete Award, the Beech High School All-Scholar Athlete and was nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award; and

WHEREAS, Kirk Walker's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Kirk's noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for his mother, Mrs. Dean Graves, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Kirk Walker's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 1998 Beech High School Valedictorian, Kirk Walker Graves, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.